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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM BANGKOK DATED MARCH 16, 1978 SEN  
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SUBJ: SRV DEPUTY FONMIN COMMENTS ON HUMPHREY-HUNG SPY CASE AND  
REUNITING FAMILIES IN AUSTRALIA AND U.S.

REF: BANGKOK 7544

1. UPI CORRESPONDENT ALAN DAWSON HAS REVEALED TO FRIENDS, WHO  
CONVEYED THE INFORMATION TO US, ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST WHICH  
SRV DEPUTY FONMIN HOANG BICH SON MADE TO DAWSON DURING HIS  
MARCH 11 INTERVIEW IN BANGKOK (REFTEL).

2. CONCERNING THE ROLE OF SRV AMBASSADOR TO THE UN DINH BA THI  
IN THE HUMPHREY-HUNG ESPIONAGE CASE, SON WAS REPORTEDLY ADAMANT  
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IN SAYING THAT HANOI HAS NO RPT NO SPY RING IN THE U.S. HUNG  
PROVIDED THE MATERIALS TO AMBASSADOR THI ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE,  
ACCORDING TO SON, AND HUNG'S ACTIPITIES DID NOT RPT NOT FORM  
PART OF A MASTER ESPIONAGE PLAN FROM HANOI. SON REPORTEDLY  
EXPRESSED "RESENTMENT" OVER THE WAY THE U.S. HANDLED THE AFFAIR.  
DAWSON SURMISED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT THE EVENT WOULD BE ONLY OF  
PASSING SIGNIFICANCE IN SRV-U.S. RELATIONS, LIKE THE HIJACKING

EPISODE IN SRV-SINGAPORE RELATIONS, WHICH SLIGHTLY DELAYED  
DEVELOPMENT OF CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, SON ALSO TOLD DAWSON THAT HANOI  
AND CANBERRA ARE WORKING OUT PLANS TO REUNITE 400 VIETNAMESE  
WITH THEIR VIETNAMESE RELATIONS IN AUSTRALIA. ISSUE OF REUNITING  
VIETNAMESE WITH THEIR VIETNAMESE RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES  
WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
BETWEEN HANOI AND WASHINGTON, SON SAID. DAWSON SEEHEED TO THINK  
THAT HANOI WAS PROCEEDING ON THIS ISSUE WITH CANBERRA AT LEAST  
PARTLY TO CREATE AN INDUCEMENT TO WASHINGTON TO SPEED NORMALIZA-  
TION OF SRV-U.S. TIES.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE VIETNAMESE PROPOSED, THEN URGED DAWSON  
TO TAKE ALONG HIS SINO-VIETNAMESE WIFE FROM SVN WHEN HE VISITS  
THE SRV NEXT MONTH, AS SON STRONGLY HINTED DAWSON WOULD BE  
ABLE TO DO.

5. COMMENT: SON'S ARGUMENT CONCERNING THE ALLEGEDLY PASSIVE ROLE  
PLAYED BY AMBASSADOR THI IN THE ESPIONAGE CASE IS INTERESTING.  
HOWEVER, WE ASSUME THAT HANOI WOULD NOT RPT NOT IGNORE THE  
ADVANTAGES OF ESPIONAGE EFFORTS IN THE U.S.  
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